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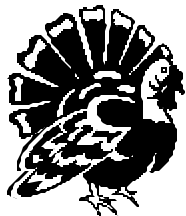
NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Light sales reported on packer label hens and toms for fill-in needs. Inquiry for whole body turkey was slow. Supplies of whole turkey was mixed. Bulk parts and meats activity was light. Demand limited by the shortened holiday work week. Offerings readily available.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Limited trading reported. Demand mixed. Supplies generally adequate.



WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 16, 2003**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-69	63-65	63.50	80	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-70	65-70	68.28	58	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	59-60	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-59	57	57.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	61	61.00	40	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 16 DECEMBER 2003.

The white meat undertone was steady to barely steady at best. Demand and trading was seasonally slow for current shipments. Offerings adequate to ample. The undertone on tom bulk parts was fully steady on necks, drums mostly steady and wings steady to weak. Demand light to instances fair, best on necks. Trading slow. Offerings of tom necks were tight, tom drums light and tom wings adequate to instances burdensome. Some tom 2-joint wings traded at 35 cents delivered export for February, 2004 shipments.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	95.00	400
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	145.17	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	81.00		81.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	39.00-43.00		41.55	44
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	44.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	42.00		42.00	28
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	42.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	28
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	112.00	20
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/		F	143.00	200
THIGH MEAT		F	86.00	120
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	89.00	40
BREAST TRIM MEAT		T	80.00	10
SCAPULA MEAT		F	72.00	52
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	81.00		81.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	112.53	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		F	17.00	160
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		F	42.20	200
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50-15.00		14.70	132
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	79.00	52

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	107
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	107
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	71-74
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	70-73
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	72-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	109-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	99-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	99-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	105-130

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The white meat undertone continued steady to barely steady at best for current shipments. Demand was slow, however, some inquiry was noted for January, 2004 shipments. Offerings adequate to ample. The trade sentiment on tom necks was fully steady, tom drums mostly steady and wings steady to weak. Demand light. Offerings of tom necks were tight, tom drums light and wings adequate to instances burdensome. Offerings of hen bulk parts were generally held with confidence. The undertone on thigh meat was mixed. Some sellers sold spot loads of frozen thigh meat at higher price levels for January, 2004 shipments, yet others disagreed with any signs of strength. Export interest was noted from Mexico and Russia. Thigh meat offerings were available and held with varied degrees of confidence. The trade sentiment on 4-8 lb. breasts was mixed on Grade A's ranging from barely steady to fully steady, plant grades steady to barely steady. Trading seasonably slow on all items. Tom (fresh): wings 41 and necks 25 cents delivered domestic. For export (January, 2004 shipments): drums 42, frozen thigh meat 90-93 cents delivered.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	145.17	600
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	89.00		89.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	42.00-43.00		42.50	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		F	44.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	43.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	38.00		38.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	39.00		39.00	80
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN				
NECKS, TOM	25.00		25.00	20
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BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	112.00	20
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DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	81.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	112.53	60
WING MEAT WITH SKIN				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.67	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	40
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	43.00		43.00	40
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS				
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	14.50		14.50	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		F	79.00	52

**USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS,
POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES**

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/17/03

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

ACCUMULATED

SEASON	HEAVY WHITE	HEAVY WHITES	ALL BREEDS
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30			
2003-2004	-	-	-
2002-2003	1,638	197,851	198,151

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